

EXHIBIT NO. 1

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PROCLAMATION

***WHEREAS**, sexual violence against women has continued to be perpetrated at a national rate of one rape every six minutes; and*

***WHEREAS**, the National Institute of Justice estimates that nearly 400,000 adult women and men are sexually assaulted each year in the United States; and*

***WHEREAS**, one in three girls and one in seven boys are sexually assaulted before the age of eighteen; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Alexandria Office on Women provided services to 592 adult and child victims of sexual assault during Fiscal Year 2001; and*

***WHEREAS**, the impact of sexual assault is not confined to any group of people, but crosses all economic, age, racial, and social barriers; and*

***WHEREAS**, sexual violence against women results in emotional trauma, physical harm, or death to women; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Office on Women is commemorating the victims of sexual violence through a City-wide public awareness campaign during April;*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, KERRY J. DONLEY**, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2002, as:*

"SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH"

in the City of Alexandria, and reaffirm the commitment of the City to the reduction and eventual elimination of sexual violence against women.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 26th day of March 2002.*

KERRY J. DONLEY **MAYOR**

*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Beverly I. Jett, CMC City Clerk